October 2018

Kaylee's Korner

Small Group

Our entire class has divided up into groups of four to six to practice planning and leading Bible studies in a small group setting. We take turns leading the study each week and this month was **my first time** making or leading a Bible study like that.

Our small group is going through the Sermon on the Mount passage-by-passage, and the verses I was assigned was Matthew 5:17-20. I was initially really nervous because I had no idea what to talk about for this passage, but it got easier once I got started. I finally understand when people say that teachers learn more than those being taught. It is so true!

It was a thrilling experience to be sure, and also such a learning experience. You can be so sure of something in theory, but until you do it practically you can't really learn it. I am so excited to keep learning and growing!

Looking Forward

Next month we won't have any big trips, so we will be working and studying in Lubbock.

However, we will have Thanksgiving break for a week which is really exciting! I will be spending Thanksgiving in Texas with one of my classmates.

Verse of the Month

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corithians 12:9-10

Prayer Requests

We have finally turned in our team and field requests to administration. Over the next month and a half, the AIM staff will be praying and planning where we will be sent and will whom. I am both excited and nervous and I will be praying for **peace** and **patience** for us who are waiting and **wisdom** for those who are making the final decisions.



Blessings from God

Passed classes

We took our finals for the first term classes and I'm pretty sure that not one of us failed a class, which is an amazing blessing for all of us!

Classmate

Rebekah Dukes is both my roommate and one of the greatest blessings to me in AIM. She has a sweet, loving spirit in her that is an inspiration. I am continually impressed at her hospitality and generosity.

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Second Term Classes

This month marks the end of the first term of AIM and the beginning of the second term. We have just begun our **new classes**. I am very excited for this next set of classes!

- Romans, taught by Charles Speers, is an in-depth study of the book of Romans. Why it was written and how it still applies to us today.
- 2. **Spiritual Disciplines**, taught by Pat Sheaffer, is a practical, hands-on class teaching not only what different spiritual disciplines are, but to build those habits and disciplines in our lives.
- 3. **New Testament Church**, taught by Cory Burns, is a study on what the church is and how the first century church lived and what they practiced.
- 4. Acts, taught by Ray Young, is an in-depth study of the book of Acts. We learn how the gospel was spread and the amazing acts of the Holy Spirit through the apostles in the first century.
- 5. **Men and women with a mission** is taught by various guest speakers. We are divided into two classes for the men and women to discuss various important roles of our respective genders as Christians and missionaries.



Dressed Up for the Fall Festival

Class Trip

We took a 11-day trip this month:

The first stop in our trip was to a camp near Albuquerque, NM called **Ponderosa**. The purpose of this part of the trip was to have a weekend of much needed time to **rest** and **rejuvenate** and be **spiritually fed** after studying for the past two months. This was a great time to build relationships among my classmates and relax for a bit. The camp is in the mountains, so it was very cold but absolutely gorgeous. It even snowed one morning which was nice to see after not seeing snow for a long time. We were blessed with some devotionals by **James Thorton**, a former AlMer and a minister at Memorial Drive Church of Christ.

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The last part of the trip was in **Bakersfield**, **CA** where we worked with the Westside Church of Christ. I was so impressed and thankful for how welcoming and loving the church and all the host families were to us. We stayed in Bakersfield for almost a week. The first day we divided; half of us went to Quailwood Elementary School, the other half went to the University of California Bakersfield. I was in the former group. We volunteered teaching the kids games like 4-square, hopscotch, various board games, etc. I, along with a couple others, went into each classroom and read books with or to the kids. This was my favorite part of the entire trip. We also worked to promote and then run the **Fall Festival** that the church was hosting. We went door-to-door passing out flyers, which was a new experience for me since I had never done something like that. When the Fall Festival started, we all dressed up in costumes and helped the members of the church run the different booths and games. It was an amazing experience!

On Sunday, several AIMers, myself included, had the blessing to worship with the Spanish-speaking sister congregation at Westside. This was very exciting for me because I had been missing my home church in Corquín, Honduras.

Thank you

Thank you so much to all my supporters who help me financially or by prayer. Special thanks to my home church, **Lexington Church of Christ** who sent me a lovely care package! Thank you all for your love and continual support of my while I am here. I am so blessed to be in a family, physical and spiritual that encourages one another and builds each other up!